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President Donald Trump points before boarding Air Force One at Morristown Municipal Airport, in Morristown, N.J., Sunday, July 8, 2018, en route to Washington from Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

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Trump still pondering Supreme Court pick as big reveal nears

By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (AP) — President Donald Trump said Sunday he was still deliberating his decision on a replacement for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy as his self-imposed deadline for an announcement neared amid furious lobbying and frenzied speculation.

"I'm very close to making a final decision. And I believe this person will do a great job," Trump said as he prepared to return to Washington from a weekend at his New Jersey golf club. Asked by reporters how many people were being considered, the president said: "Let's say it's the four people ... they're excellent, every one. You can't go wrong." While Trump didn't name the four, top contenders for the role have included federal appeals judges Brett Kavanaugh, Raymond Kethledge, Amy Coney Barrett and Thomas Hardiman. The White House has been preparing information materials on all four, who were part of a longer list of 25 names vetted by conservative groups. Trump has spent the week-

end discussing his options with allies and will announce his pick at 9 p.m. EDT Monday from the White House. He tweeted later Sunday that he was looking forward to the announcement and said an "exceptional person will be chosen!" Savoring the suspense, Trump has sought to keep people guessing in the final hours, hoping to replicate his successful announcement of Justice Neil Gorsuch last year. The White House hoped to keep the details under



In this June 26, 2017, file photo, The Supreme Court is seen in Washington.

wraps until he rolls out his pick from the East Room.

In his conversations over the weekend, Trump expressed renewed interest in Hardiman — the runner-up when Trump nominated Gorsuch, said two people with knowledge of his thinking who were not authorized to speak publicly. But Trump's final decision remained far from clear, and the president wants to keep the guessing game going.

Trump has enjoyed teasing details of his process in recent days, saying Thursday that he was down to four people and "of the four people, I have it down to three or two." On Saturday, he tweeted that a "Big decision" was coming soon.

On Sunday he was back to citing "the four people."

Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Roy Blunt of Missouri said Sunday that they believe any of the top four contenders could get confirmed by the GOP-majority Senate.

"I think we can confirm any of the four names being mentioned," Blunt said on NBC's "Meet the Press."
'They're good judges. I think they'd be fine justices of the Supreme Court. I do think the president has to think about who is the easiest to get confirmed here. And I expect we will do that on sort of a normal timetable, a couple of months."
The president and White

he tweeted that a "Big decision" was coming soon. House officials involved in

the process have fielded calls and messages and have been on the receiving end of public pleas and op-eds for or against specific candidates since Kennedy announced on June 27 that he would retire this summer. Some conservatives have expressed concerns about Kavanaugh — a longtime judge and former clerk for Kennedy — questioning his commitment to social issues like abortion and noting his time serving under President George W. Bush as evidence he is a more establishment choice. But his supporters cite his experience and wide range of legal opinions. Barrett has excited social conservatives since she was questioned

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about her Roman Catholic faith in her nomination hearings last year, but her brief time on the bench has

raised questions. Outside adviser Leonard Leo, currently on leave from the Federalist Society, said on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday that this kind of jockeying is standard, noting that "every potential nominee before announcement gets concerns expressed about them by people who might ultimately support them." Leo said: "Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Barrett have a lot of name recognition among supporters of the president, and I think that ultimately when people like them are nominated, you'll see a lot of folks line up."

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Wildfires rage through California amid heat rage

By JOHN ANTCZAK **Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Firefighters toiled in stifling heat Saturday on the lines of destructive wildfires across the U.S. West, making progress against some blazes while struggling to tame others that have forced evacuations of hundreds of homes. In heat-stricken Southern California, powerful winds that sent an overnight inferno hopscotching through the Santa Barbara County community of Goleta vanished in the morning, allowing firefighters to extinguish smoldering ruins of an estimated 20 structures, including homes.

Authorities announced that mandatory evacuation orders were being greatly reduced and many of the 2,500 people who fled Friday night would be able to return home by late afternoon.

County Fire Chief Eric Peterson thanked residents for heeding the call to evacuate, allowing firefighters to focus on fire suppression rather than rescues.

"There very likely would have been fatalities last night had those evacuations not occurred," Peterson said.

stopped at about 100 acres (40.5 hectares) in a neighborhood where some houses were in ruins while homes next door were intact.

Eric Durtschi stood outside his destroyed house, where a burned-out car stood in the driveway and kids' bicycles were strewn about.

Durtschi, his wife and six children had left Utah and moved in just a few weeks ago. He said he hadn't yet told his two oldest children their home was gone. He managed to collect his severely burned vintage auns, hoping to salvage

A neighbor's home across the street was spared. The man had stayed through the night spraying down other people's houses.

Elsewhere in Southern California, firefighters increased containment of a central San Diego County fire that rapidly spread over 400 acres (162 hectares), destroyed 18 structures and damaged eight, and a wildfire in the San Bernardino National Forest was holding at 1.5 square miles (404 hectares) and forced evacuation of about 700 homes in the mountain community of Forest Falls.

Fires also burned on the Marine Corps' sprawling Camp Pendleton base in northern San Diego Coun-

Southern California fires began erupting Friday as strong high pressure over the West spawned an epic heat wave that saw parts of Los Angeles broil in tem-The fire's spread was peratures up to 117 degrees (47.2 Celsius).

> There was little relief overnight.

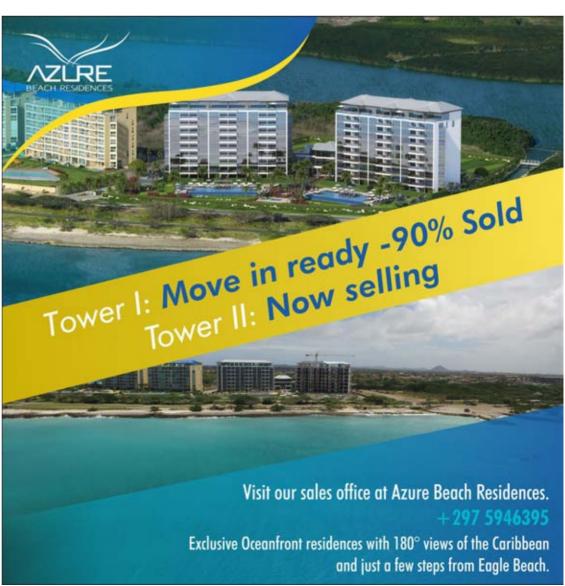
"Temperatures at 8 a.m. were ridiculously over 100 degrees" in foothills near Forest Falls and many inland valleys, the National Weather Service said.

Forecasters said the region's siege of heat would gradually ease through the weekend, but the unstable air mass unleashed downpours that triggered flash-flood warnings for the mountains northeast of Los Angeles.

Further up north and just south of the California-Oregon border, the 34-squaremile (88-square-kilometer) Klamathon Fire in rural Siskiyou County was just 5 percent contained. The body of a resident was found Friday in the ruins of a home, among 15 destroyed structures tallied so far.



In this Friday, July 6, 2018, photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department a firefighter puts water on flames at a home off Fairview Ave., in Goleta, Calif. **Associated Press**





After New York's electoral upset, eyes turn to Massachusetts

By STEVE LeBLANC Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Ayanna Pressley knew it was going to be tough mounting a primary challenge to an incumbent Democratic congressman in Massachusetts, a state that often rewards politicians with near-lifetime jobs. Then someone Pressley counts as a friend Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez — stunned the New York Democratic establishment, and the nation, with her primary victory last month over 10-term U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley. Suddenly, the 44-year-old black Boston city councilor's efforts to unseat U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano — another longtime white, male, middle-aged politician — in the state's Sept. 4 primary seems less far-fetched.

"Alex and her race is an inspiring one because it challenges conventional wisdom and narratives about who has a right to run and when, and who can win," Pressley said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We have to be disruptive in our democracy and our policy-making and how we run and win elections."

The Massachusetts contest is yet another reminder of the rifts tearing at the Democratic Party, with more liberal, often younger voters calling for a newer, more diverse leadership.

Capuano, 66, said he understands the urge among some for new faces.

"If that's what people want. That's fine. That's not new: 'Throw the bums out' is in pretty much every campaign ever,'" he told the AP. "As a generic statement, that's one thing. It's a different thing when you take that generic statement and apply it to indi-





This pair of file photos shows U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano, D-Mass., left, on Feb. 1, 2018, in Cambridge, Mass., and Boston city councilor Ayanna Pressley, right, on June 30, 2018 in Boston.

Associated Press

viduals." One challenge for Democratic voters in the state's 7th Congressional District may be finding policy differences between the two. Capuano is among the most liberal House members, not leaving much room on the left for Pressley. It's a point Capuano, first elected to the House in 1998, has tried to hammer home, pointing to his high ratings with progressive groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP, Planned Parenthood and the AFL-CIO. "My record is pretty clear. I'm one of the most progressive members of Congress and have been since I got here," Capuano said. "I think I've effectively represented every constituent group in this district."

Pressley said the argument that she and Capuano will vote the same way misses a bigger point about leadership and building coalitions — a philosophy she said she's used during her

years at City Hall to address issues like schools, transportation and public safety.

"This is Massachusetts. Every Democrat is going to vote the same way," Pressley said. "The hate that is coming out of this White House will not be defeated by a reliable vote on the floor of Congress. The hate coming out of this White House will be defeated by a movement and a coalition."

Paul Watanabe, professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, says the nation's unsettled political times mean few free rides anymore for incumbents facing challenges from within their parties — a reality he said Capuano understands.

"Mike Capuano did not need a wake-up call like this to take this race seriously. I think he's taking it as a serious challenge and Ayanna Pressley is determined to try to do in Massachusetts what was accomplished in New York," Watanabe said.

"The lesson of the 2016

election at the highest level is all things are possible." Capuano has a fundraising edge. His campaign said he collected \$680,000 in the past three months, bringing his cash total to \$1.4 million. Pressley raised \$370,000 during the same period, her campaign said. One issue where there might be a sliver of daylight between the two is on the future of the federal government's chief immigration enforcement agency Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE. Pressley has called for defunding the agency. Capuano said he voted against the creation of ICE, but thinks changing policies is more important.

The district — redrawn in 2011 to become Massachusetts' first "minority-majority" district — includes a wide swath of Boston and about half of Cambridge as well as portions

of neighboring Chelsea, Everett, Randolph, Somerville and Milton. It includes both Cambridge's Kendall Square — experiencing a white hot development boom — and the neighborhood of Roxbury, the center of Boston's traditionally black community. If elected, Pressley, who has served on the city council since 2010, would be the only black member of the state's congressional delegation. Clarrissa Croppers, co-owner the Frugal Bookstore in Roxbury, said gentrification, particularly the price of housing, is one of her top issues.

"I understand that they want to clean up the area, but I don't want them to clean out the people who've been here for so long," the 37-year-old said. "I'm going to vote for (Pressley); she's been a supporter of my business before she ran," Croppers added. "I've not ever seen Mike come in here. You will see him closer to election time. They want to come out, shake hands and do photos, but where were you months and years before?" Pressley's campaign is also a challenge to an unwritten "wait your turn" rule in the Massachusetts Democratic Party, where incumbents can hang onto seats for decades with few if any serious competitors. The last successful Democratic primary challenge in Massachusetts came in 2014, when Seth Moulton defeated incumbent Democratic U.S. Rep. John Tierney in the state's 6th Congressional District.

Pressley is aware she's bucking a tide.

"My mother did not raise me to ask for permission to lead," she said.



Sprawling Penn State hazing death case grinds through courts

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press
HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) —

The sprawling criminal case against former members of a Penn State fraternity over the death of a pledge last year is about to pick up steam with yet another preliminary hearing on the horizon, as well as the first sentencing.

Twenty-five members of shuttered Beta Theta Pi face charges related to the February 2017 death of Tim Piazza, who was fatally injured in a series of falls during a night of drinking and hazing after participating in a pledge bid acceptance ceremony. A 26th defendant has pleaded guilty.

The case has, so far, produced three multiday preliminary hearings, rulings by two different magisterial district judges to throw out charges, a decision by the attorney general's office to take over the prosecution and a pending legislative effort to toughen Pennsylvania's anti-hazing law.

Piazza, a 19-year-old engineering student from Lebanon, New Jersey, participated in a series of drinking stations the night of Feb. 2, 2017, as well as a basement event involving rapid consumption of alcohol. The house's elaborate video security system recorded him stumbling to a couch on the first floor before falling down the steps.

He was carried back upstairs, and spent the night in evident pain, most of it on the couch as fraternity brothers took ineffective and even harmful steps to address his condition.

After he was found unconscious in the basement the next morning, it took his friends about 40 minutes to summon an ambulance, and he later died at a hospital.

Medical experts say he suffered a fractured skull and shattered spleen, and his blood-alcohol level has been estimated to have peaked at three or four times the legal limit for drivina

ANOTHER MULTIDAY PRE-LIMINARY HEARING

Centre County's president judge, Pamela Ruest, last week granted a request by the attorney general's office to reinstate charges against eight defendants, including involuntary manslaughter counts against five of them.

She scheduled a five-day preliminary hearing starting July 23 to determine if there is enough evidence to send the charges to county court for trial, which will be the fourth preliminary hearing in the matter. Ruest also replaced the magisterial district judge who had twice thrown out charges.

A district judge in May dismissed all charges against Braxton Becker, who had been accused of evidence tampering, hindering apprehension and obstruction for allegedly erasing security video shot in the fraternity basement. Those charges were subsequently refiled and have been added to the July 23 hearing. It will also address refiled charges against Joshua Kurczewski of reckless endangerment, furnishing alcohol to a minor and conspiracy to commit haz-

Lawyers say it's quite possible that the July 23 hearing could be postponed.

GUILTY PLEA ENTERED

One former Beta Theta Pi brother, Ryan Burke, pleaded guilty June 13 to all nine charges he still faced four counts of hazing and five alcohol-related offenses.

Lawyers have until July 24 to submit a document related to his sentencing.

CHARGES IN COUNTY

Despite the most serious offenses being dismissed or withdrawn, there are still dozens of counts that have been forwarded to county court for trial against the remaining defendants.



In this May 5, 2017, file photo, Jim and Evelyn Piazza, center, stand by as Centre County, Pa., prosecutors discuss an investigation into the death of their son Tim Piazza, seen in photo at right, during a news conference in Bellefonte, Pa.

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A pretrial conference about the status of those charges is scheduled for July 16.

ANTI-HAZING LAW PEND-ING

The state Senate in April voted unanimously to toughen criminal penalties

for hazing, making the most severe cases felonies and allowing for confiscation of fraternity houses where hazing has occurred.

It would also add new reporting requirements for schools when anti-hazing laws are violated.

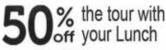












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California, long a holdout, adopts mass immigration hearings

By ELLIOT SPAGAT **Associated Press**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A federal judge was irritated when an attorney for dozens of people charged with crossing the border illegally asked for more time to meet with clients before setting bond.

It was pushing 5 p.m. on a Friday in May, and the judge in San Diego was wrestling with a surge in her caseload that resulted from the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy to prosecute everyone who enters the country illegally. "It's been a long week," U.S. Magistrate Judge Nita Stormes said, suggesting



In this June 28, 2018, file photo, a Guatemalan father and son, who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border illegally, are apprehended by a U.S. Border Patrol agent in San Diego.

that the court needed

more judges and public

Associated Press

defenders. On Monday, the court will try to curb the caseload by assigning a judge to oversee misdemeanor immigration cases and holding large, group hearings that critics call assembly-line justice. The move puts California in line with other border states, and it captures the strain that zero tolerance has put on federal courts, particularly in the nation's most populous state, which has long resisted mass hearings for illegal border crossing.

Immigration cases were light for the first few months of the year in the Southern District of California. There were no illegal-entry casfice. But when zero tolerance took full effect, the caseload skyrocketed to 513 in May and 821 in June. Those numbers pale when nal histories.

compared to other border districts that have been doing mass hearings for years. The Southern District of Texas' four border-area courts handled nearly 9,500 illegal-entry cases in the eight weeks after zero tolerance took full effect, though those courts saw their numbers balloon too. The District of Arizona carried more than three times California's number of cases in May.

The mass hearings can be traced back to December 2005, when the Border Patrol introduced "Operation Streamline" in Del Rio, Texas, to prosecute every illegal entry. Over the next three years, the practice spread to every federal court district alona the es in February, only four in border except California, March and 16 in April, ac- whose federal prosecucording to the clerk's of- tors argued that scarce resources could be better spent going after smuggling networks and repeat crossers with serious crimiIn Tucson, Arizona, a judge sees up to 75 defendants a day, about five to seven at a time, in hearings that last about two hours.

In the McAllen, Texas, federal courthouse 73 people who were cuffed at the ankles lined up in six rows of wood benches. They pleaded guilty at the same time in a morning session last month. About two-thirds were sentenced to the few days of time served. The rest got between 10 and 60 days because they had been previously deported or had criminal convictions. Carol Lam, the U.S. attorney in San Diego when Streamline began until 2007, said zero-tolerance programs are "ultimately ineffective," saying they boost conviction numbers but don't have a proportionate impact on reducing crime.

"The sentences become much shorter to the point where everyone is getting time served or a few weeks in custody, and they're turned around and come back in again," she said. "At the end of the day, the system grinds down to a halt and things start deteriorating."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who has held up Streamline as a model, was the first attorney general to seriously challenge California's position. In May, he announced that the Homeland Security Department would refer every arrest for prosecution, which led to widespread separation of children from their parents. Adam Braverman, the newly appointed U.S. attorney in San Diego, had no room to push back.





Pilot may have saved lives in Chicago helicopter crash



In this July 7, 2018 photo, a helicopter that crashed near Interstate 57 and Interstate 94 sits in a field of grass between the two interstates in Chicago.

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A pilot ministration said the crash may have saved lives by crashing a medical helicopter in a grassy area on the South Side of Chicago rather than on major interstate highways or a train station nearby, officials said Sunday.

The four people onboard Saturday evening were injured but no one was hurt on the ground.

occurred around 9:15 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of three expressways.

The patient in the helicopter was taken to a hospital in critical condition, said Chicago Fire Deputy District Chief Walter Schroeder, while the three crew members onboard were transported in stable condition.

The Federal Aviation Ad- The crash caused a snarl

northbound I-57 and southbound I-94 lanes closed Sunday while the investigation continues.

Schroeder said the pilot issued a "mayday" call before the crash, but the exact cause is not yet known. He commended the pilot for putting the aircraft down in a grassy median away from traffic.

Deputy district fire chief Lynda Turner said the pilot The FAA and The Nation-

in Chicago traffic, with maneuvered the helicopter to land belly-down with all rotors intact. The helicopter was smoking but not on fire, she said.

> "The pilot did an excellent job of landing a helicopter that was in an emergency situation," Turner said at a press conference.

> The helicopter was headed toward Gary Airport. It's unclear where the flight originated.

al Transportation Safety Board are investigating the cause of the crash. Results of the FAA report will not be made public until the investigation concludes, which could take up to a month, spokesman Tony Molinaro said.

Peter Knudson, a NTSB spokesman, said its investigation will be finished in one to two weeks and that the wreckage site will be cleared later on Sunday.

Porch floor collapses, injuring at least 15 partygoers

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A a party celebrating the porch collapsed at a Connecticut home, sending over a dozen people to the hospital.

Approximately 20 people were on a second-floor balcony in Hartford Saturday night when the floor gave way.

Hartford police said 15 people were taken to Hartford are not life-threatening.

Among the injured were infants and young children. Assistant Police Chief Rafamily celebration."

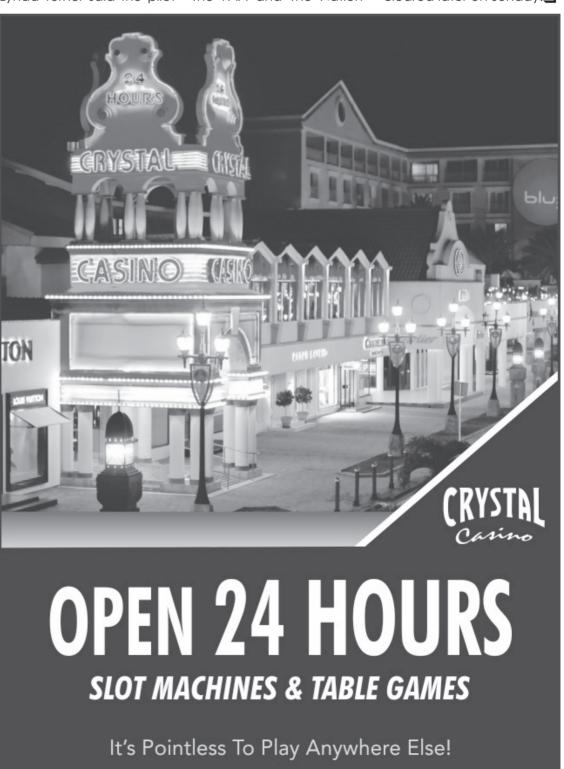
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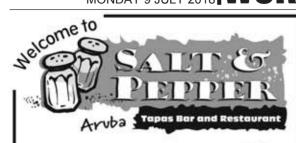
Jeisnely Vasquez was at the party and about to step on the porch when she saw it give way. "Before I stepped out, it started to fall and I went back," she said.

First-floor resident Carlos DeJesus heard a thud and saw people and infants on Hospital with injuries that the lawn. "I'm still in shock," he said

Police said some had head injuries and lacerations. Some have left the hospifael Medina said people tal since Saturday night. were gathered "on the A Hartford fire official told second-floor porch for a NBC Connecticut one of the first patients transport-Witnesses told The Hartford ed to the hospital was an







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Most senior Brexit official quits government

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's most senior official in charge of negotiating the country's exit from the European Union resigned Sunday, two days after Prime Minister Theresa May announced she had finally united her quarrelsome government behind a plan for Brexit.

The Press Association news agency, the BBC and others said Brexit Secretary David Davis resigned Sunday. Davis's late-night resignation undermined May's already fragile government. He was a strong pro-Brexit voice in a Cabinet divided between supporters of a clean break with the bloc and those who want to keep close ties with Britain's biggest trading partner.

The staunchly pro-Brexit Conservative lawmaker Andrea Jenkyns tweeted: "Fantastic news. Well done David Davis for having the principal and guts to resian."

Jenkyns said Steve Baker, a junior minister in the Brexit department, had also quit. There was no immediate comment from either Baker or Davis.

Less than nine months remain until Britain leaves the



Exiting the European Union (Brexit) Secretary David Davis arrives in Downing Street, London, for a Cabinet meeting, Tuesday July 3, 2018.

Associated Press

bloc on March 29, 2019. The EU has warned Britain that time is running out to seal a divorce deal.

On Friday, Davis and the rest of May's fractious Cabinet agreed on a plan for ties with the EU after the U.K. leaves next year.

On Monday, May is due to brief lawmakers on the plan hammered out during a 12-hour meeting at Chequers, the prime minister's country retreat. It seeks to keep the U.K. and the EU in a free-trade zone for goods, and commits Britain to maintaining the same rules as the bloc for goods and agricultural products.

Some Brexit-supporting lawmakers are angry at the proposals, saying they will keep Britain tethered to the bloc and unable to change its rules to strike new trade deals around the world.

Conservative lawmaker Jacob Rees-Mogg, a leader of the party's "hard Brexit" faction, compared May's plan to an egg so softly boiled that it "isn't boiled at all."

"A very soft Brexit means that we haven't left, we are simply a rule-taker," he said.

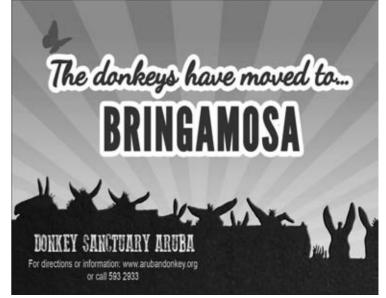
Davis's resignation could embolden Brexit-supporting Conservative lawmakers to challenge May's leadership. Some dream of replacing May with a staunch Brexiteer, such as Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, who in the past has disagreed publicly with his boss.

Johnson has not commented publicly since Friday. But some senior pro-Brexit ministers have backed May's plan.

Environment Secretary Michael Gove said Sunday that it did not contain everything he wanted but "I'm a realist."

"All those of us who believe that we want to execute a proper Brexit, and one that is the best deal for Britain, have an opportunity now to get behind the prime minister in order to negotiate that deal," he told the BBC.







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Italy wants to extend migrant rescue curbs to navy ships

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ROME (AP) — The right-wing interior minister who closed Italy's ports to aid groups that rescue migrants in the Mediterranean said Sunday that he wants to extend the prohibition to foreign navy ships.

Matteo Salvini said he would bring up Italy's desire to keep navy ships carrying rescued migrants from its ports when European Union interior ministers meet this week in Austria. Salvini made the statement on Facebook after the Irish navy ship Samuel Beckett arrived in the Sicilian port of Messina with 106 migrants after participating in an EUsponsored mission.

"Unfortunately, Italian governments over the past five years have signed agreements (in exchange for what?) so that all these ships disembark immigrants in Italy," Salvini wrote. "With our government, the music has changed and will



Italian Interior Minister Matteo Salvini makes a point during press conference with Vice President of Libyan Parliamentary Council Ahmed Maitig, Thursday, July 5, 2018.

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contributed from a variety of countries. Italy's coast guard coordinates the rescues and tells Frontex ships where to disembark.

In addition, the EU operates a military operation, Operation Sophia, focused on fighting people smuggling and arms trafficking; the Samuel Beckett was participating in Operation Sophia, officials said.

Italian Transport Minister Danilo Toninelli suggested that Italy would be taking aim at the terms of Operation Sophia. Toninelli said on Twitter that Italy was required to accept the Samuel Becket's passengers under a "crazy" agreement negotiated by the previous government that "sold out Italy's interests."

force, Frontex, operates a search-and-rescue operation in the Mediterranean using air and sea resources

The EU's border control

change."

Turkey: Train derailment kills at least 10, injures 73

ZEYNEP **Associated Press**

ISTANBUL (AP) — At least 10 people were killed and more than 70 injured Sunday when a passenger train derailed in northwestern Turkey, Turkish authorities said. Five of the train's six cars derailed in a village in Tekirdag province after "the ground between the culvert and the rail collapsed" due to heavy rains, the Ministry of Transport said. Health Ministry Undersecretary Eyup Gumus put the number of fatalities at 10 and the number of people injured at 73 based on initial reports from the scene, according to Turkey's official Anadolu news

BILGINSOY agency. The train was heading to Istanbul from Edirne, on the border with Greece, with 362 passengers and six crew members on board, the transportation ministry said.

> The Turkish prime ministry issued a temporary media ban Sunday night on reporting the aftermath of the accident, citing national security and public order. Before then, an unnamed survivor told the private DHA news agency she had been in one of the cars that went off the tracks. "There were deaths immediately, people whose legs were crushed. It was a horrible accident," she said.

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Thousands who fled recent fighting in Syria return home

By BASSEM MROUE **FARES AKRAM Associated Press**

BEIRUT (AP) — Most Syrians displaced by recent fighting stranded at the border with Jordan in the country's south have returned to their homes, a U.N. official and a group that closely monitors the Syrian war said Sunday. The return to areas now controlled by the government came two days after Syrian troops regained control of the Naseeb border crossing with Jordan, along with a long stretch of the border between the two countries. On Saturday Syrian troops hoisted national flags at the border crossing point three years after losing it to rebels.

Syria's government offensive to retake the province of Daraa from insurgents, which began on June 19, has displaced some 330,000 people, many of



Jordanian troops patrol at the Jordanian side of Naseeb border crossing into Syria one day after Syrian army recovered southern territories of Daraa province from insurgents.

Associated Press

with Jordan that refused to allow refugees to cross. The fighting in the border area stopped on Friday under a Russian-mediated surrender deal.

U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Jordan, told reporters Sunday that just 150 to 200 Syrians remained near Jordan, adding that as "far as we understand they are almost exclusively men."

very difficult and it's of a huge concern to us," Anders Pedersen, the top Pedersen told reporters, repeating calls for a cessation of hostilities to allow humanitarian operations

political settlement to the Syrian crisis.

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Syrian opposition activists reported intense shelling and airstrikes on the rebel-held village of Um al-Mayadeen, few kilometers (miles) north of the Naseeb border crossing. Hours later, state news agency SANA said troops captured Um al-Mayadeen after a battle with opposition fighters.

Although the main rebel groups in the eastern parts of Daraa province have accepted to hand over their weapons as part of the Russian-mediated deal, some have vowed to continue fighting, mostly in western parts of Daraa and the nearby Quneitra region on the front with the Israelioccupied Golan Heights. International relief agency CARE said told The Associ-

ated Press on Sunday that

thousands of displaced

Syrians have moved from

areas close to the Jordanian border back to towns and villages that recently signed Russian-brokered reconciliation agreements with the Syrian government. It added that more Syrians are refusing to go back home out of fears of detention or conscription into the army.

CARE said that "waves of people have moved to western Daraa" and Quneitra, as the government troops seized control of areas in the southeast of the country.

Many families who sought protection from bombardments and shifting front lines continue to live out in the open, CARE said. They "are in desperate need of food, shelter and clean water, which is scarce and prohibitively expensive due to the high demand in densely populated areas," it added.



But the situation "remains

and eventually reaching a



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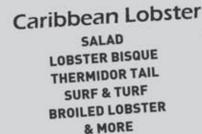


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Death toll climbs to 76 as heavy rains hammer southern Japan

By HARUKA NUGA YURI KAGEYAMA **Associated Press** HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP)

- Searches continued Sunday night for victims of heavy rainfall that hammered southern Japan for the third straight day, as the government put the death toll at 48, with 28 others presumed dead.

Japanese government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said the whereabouts of 92 other people were unknown, mostly in the southern area of Hiroshima prefecture.

More than 100 reports of casualties had been received, such as cars being swept away, he said.

Some 40 helicopters were out on rescue missions.

"Rescue efforts are a battle with time," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters. "The rescue teams are doing their utmost."

The Japan Meteorological Agency said three hours of rainfall in one area in Kochi prefecture reached an accumulated 26.3 centimeters (10.4 inches), the highest since such records started in 1976.

The assessment of casualties has been difficult because of the widespread area affected by the rainfall, flooding and landslides.

Authorities warned that landslides could strike even after rain subsides as the calamity shaped up to be potentially the worst in decades.

a residential area, strewn fallen telephone poles, uprooted trees and mud. Some homes were smashed.

A woman who was reported as missing after getting trapped in her car was found but was pronounced



A road is damaged by flood water following heavy rain in Kurashiki city, Okayama prefecture, southwestern Japan, Sunday, July 8, 2018.

Associated Press

dead, Kyodo news service reported.

In another area in Hiroshima, 12 people went missing when a residential area got sucked into a landslide, and one body was later found.

Kochi prefecture, on Shikoku, issued landslide warnings almost over the entire island.

Public broadcaster NHK TV showed overturned cars on roads covered with mud.

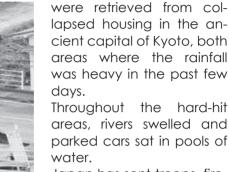
convenience worker, who had fled to a nearby rooftop, said water had reached as high as his head.

The Japanese government set up an emergency office, designed for crises such as major earthquakes. Military paddle boats were also being used to take people to dry land.

Okayama prefecture said in a statement that four In Hiroshima prefecture, people had died, eight water streamed through others were missing and 11 were injured, at least one of them seriously.

> Seven homes were destroyed, dozens more were damaged, while more than 570 were flooded.

Kyodo reported several deaths in a landslide in Hiroshima and more bodies



areas where the rainfall was heavy in the past few Throughout the hard-hit

areas, rivers swelled and parked cars sat in pools of water.

Japan has sent troops, firefighters, police and other disaster relief. People have also taken to social media to plead for help.



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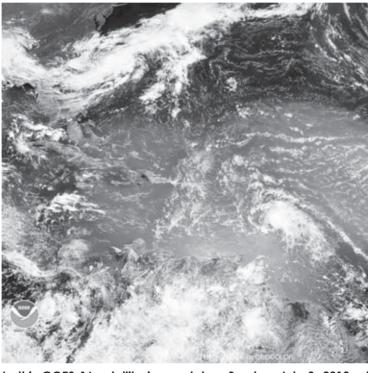
Tropical Storm Beryl speeding toward eastern Caribbean

By DANICA COTO **Associated Press** SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

- Gusty winds began to hit the eastern Caribbean on Sunday as Tropical Storm Beryl advanced rapidly toward a region struggling to recover from last year's deadly hurricanes.

The government of Dominica said it would shut down its water system and Puerto Rico's governor warned of likely new power outages. People on islands across the region stocked up on food and water and prepared for possible damaging winds, rains and waves. Intermittent rainstorms already were hitting Dominica early Sunday, and the U.S. National Hurricane Center said 2 to 3 inches (5 to 7.5 centimeters) of rain could fall as the storm moves through or near the island on Sunday night.

Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit told peo-



In this GOES-16 satellite image taken Sunday, July 8, 2018, at 15:00 UTC, shows Tropical Storm Beryl, moving across the Lesser Antilles in the eastern Caribbean Sea.

Associated Press

ple to store water because the government would be shutting down the water system as a precaution, and he warned them to stay alert despite the storm weakening. "They should not let their guard down," he said.

Meteorologist Marshall Al-

exander told The Associated Press that officials were worried about those still living with tarps on their roofs after Maria slammed into Dominica as a Category 5 storm last year, killing dozens of people.

"We are in a vulnerable state," he said. "The system can still cause a lot of damage regardless of whether it's a tropical storm or a hurricane."

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Chris formed off the Carolinas, and the U.S. National Hurricane Center said it was likely to grow into a hurricane while heading to the northeast, roughly parallel to the coast. It wasn't projected to directly threaten land over the next few days, though forecasters said it could kick up dangerous surf and rip tides.

In the Caribbean, a tropical storm warning was up on Guadeloupe and Dominica and long lines were reported at grocery stores on several islands as people shopped for food and wa-

"We can't take chances with weather," Jeffrey Xavier, manager of Mr. Clean Bed & Breakfast in Dominica, said in a phone interview. "There was a lot of buying."

Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello said in a press conference late Saturday that the island could experience power outages and urged people without sturdy roofs to move in with relatives or a government shelter. More than 1,500 power customers remain in the dark more than nine months after Maria, and some 60,000 people still have only tarps for roofs.

"I'm praying for all the brothers who are still living under a plastic roof," said 79-year-old Alfonso Lugo in the southeastern Puerto Rico town of Humacao.

Nicaragua's Ortega nixes early election as crisis solution



Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega waves to a crowd of party faithful during a march for peace, in Managua, Nicaragua, Saturday, July 7,

Associated Press

By LUIS MANUEL GALEANO cause of the whim of a **Associated Press**

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)

 President Daniel Ortega has rejected calls for early elections as a solution to Nicaragua's political crisis in which more than 250 people have been killed amid through 2021. heavy-handed down on protests.

Speaking late Saturday in his first public appearance in over a month, Ortega said the Central American country's constitution sets rules that "cannot be changed overnight be-

group of coup mongers." He said protesters who are demanding he leave office should "seek the vote of the people" if they want to

govern and must respect that his current term runs

"We will see if the people will give the vote to the coup mongers who have provoked so much destruction in recent weeks," Ortega said. "There will be time for elections." The president also blamed those who oppose him for the killings since the onset of protests in April. However human rights groups say most of the dead are young protesters killed by police and often-armed civilian groups allied to Ortega's Sandinista political movement.

the mostly student-led protests accuse Ortega of trying to install a dictatorship characterized by corruption and nepotism along with first lady and Vice President Rosario Murillo.

Ortega appeared noticeably thinner than he did in his last public appearance, on May 30. He spoke to a crowd of supporters and government workers at a "march for peace" in the capital, Managua.

The event was held in place of a traditional march in Government opponents at the city of Masaya that has been celebrated for 38 straight years to commemorate Sandinista resistance to the former Somoza dictatorship. The march was called off this year because much of the city is in open rebellion against Ortega's government.

LOCAL







University of Aruba new two year MBA program starting this September

ORANJESTAD - The University of Aruba announced that it will be offering a two year MBA program designed primarily for those individuals who are currently working full time and wish to enhance their management skills.

The program, which will commence on Monday September 3rd is in two parts.

The first year will offer ten courses with a second year requiring the completion of a thesis.

The first year will offer eight mandatory courses including Human Resources, the Philosophy of Research, Corporate Finance, Leadership and Ethics, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Social Media, Strategy and Organization and Research Design and Methodology as well as three elective courses International Business Law, Digital Leadership and



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Students will choose two of the three electives. The year will be divided into five (5) separate semesters of two months each, these being September/ October, November/December, January/February, March/April and May/

Two courses will be taught during each semester during the evenings so students can expect to attend the university twice a week each semester.

The coordinator of the MBA program, Dr. James Hepin the Faculty of Hospitality Management and Tourism Studies at the University of Aruba.

He will teach one of the courses with other lecturers including Dr. Simon Hudson, Dr. Scott Smith and Dr. Robin Dipietro, all from the Univer-

sity of South Carolina, with lecturers from the University of Aruba itself these being Don Taylor, Lecturer in International Business Law, Economics, Finance and Accounting Law, Kimberly Greaux, Lecturer in Business and Research Methodology, and Rosabelle Illes, Lecturer in Psychology.

The university will hold an "open house" at 6.30 pm Monday July 9th to provide more information about the program.

The deadline for the registration is July 22nd 2018.

All applicants will be then be interviewed one on one to allow detailed discussion ple, is an Assistant Professor of the implications of embarking upon a two year program.

> All applicants will be notified as to whether or not they have been accepted by the University no later than August 15th.

> The program will be taught in English.



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Ray Ellin, comedian, host and producer:

'It Feels Good'



By Linda Reijnders

"It feels good to make others feel good." Ray Ellin is a kind of half Aruban so to speak. Well, he lives here almost half the year and his nickname is Aruba Ray. The American comedian, host and producer lives the other half of the year in New York. He just finished producing a new tv show for Comedy Central, which will air in the fall. Here at One Happy Island he created, produced, and hosts a very successful nightly live stand-up comedy show through his company Aruba Ray, called Aruba Ray's Comedy, which is at the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. Aruba Today was curious about the man behind the laughs.

the number 1 ambassador for Aruba in the States. When I am on different TV shows like on NBC and Fox I always talk about Aruba. I love it, it's a part of my soul."

He wants people to know how much he loves the island and does the best he can to promote it. He also brings big name comics here that are followed by many, many people. He takes the comedians around to show them the Aruba outside the resort. Ray is happy here, during the day enjoying his Aruba and during his shows in the evenings making people laugh. "It is a great feeling, a positive affirmation. You know that you make other people feel good and that makes you feel good. There is just one big positive vibe in the room. Of course that feeds your ego. It's great energy."

Big Names

The comedians he brings "I really think I became here are not just any names. They are very experienced, very talented performers, who have been on dozens of tv shows and movies. This run of shows will include Chuck Nice, Christine HurJessica Kirson, Jimmy Dunn,

ley, Lenny Marcus, Tony V, Pete Lee, Tony Woods, Joe Vega, Mike Vecchione, Ricky Velez, Yamaneika Saunders, Gregg Rogell,

Dan Naturman will climb the stage. And of course, the shows are hosted by Ray himself. These shows have become the most popular thing to do at night in Aruba. An almost guarantee to laugh your heart out.

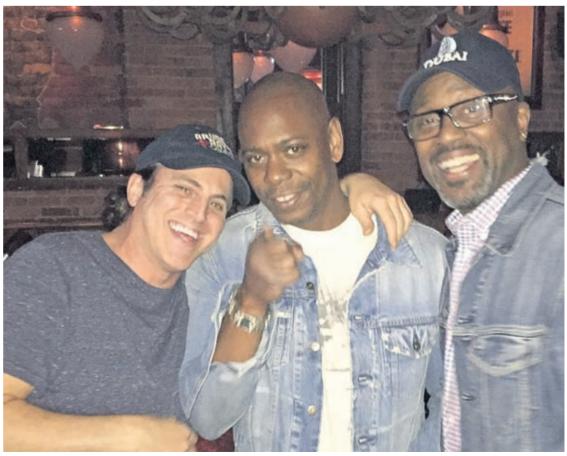
Brian Scott McFadden, and

Little Ray

"When I was 11 years old, I used to watch Saturday Night Live and also the Tonight Show. When I was nine I vividly remember watching SNL and thought: what is this, this is great." Little Ray made kids laugh in school, as well as relatives when he was only 3 or 4 years old. "I got that from my mother, I would see her entertaining people in our house when I was a kid. She is very outgoing and funny, and a classical pianist, so I kind of picked stuff up from her. It was positive and fun, I loved it." He told his dad

that he wanted to be a comedian, and of course he was not too wild about the idea. "But I told him: this is what I want to do. It was very clear to me. My first performance was when I was 11 years old, during 6th grade graduation, and it went well. After that I did standup at summer camp and school talent shows." When he was 15 years old, Ray performed at nightclubs in Boston. He would take the train by himself to downtown Boston to comedy clubs in pretty terrible neighborhoods. "One was in a neighborhood called 'The Combat Zone.' A fifteen year old had no business being there," he laughs. He kept performing, and got better and better, determined in following his passion.

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Ray Ellin, comedian, host and producer:

'It Feels Good'

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Ray studied Film at College and after that he moved to New York City. He acted in many tv commercials, a few films, hosted several tv shows, and was asked to produce a comedy tour with Latino comedians throughout the States.

"That gave me the idea of making the movie. I produced and directed 'The Latin Legends of Comedy' which I financed with 6 credit cards. While I was in the middle of making the film, someone called to tell me that only 2 or 3 percent of all movies that are made end up being sold. But fortunately, I sold it to 20th Century Fox. During the opening weekend, the film finished third in perscreen average behind Oscar winners The Last King of Scotland and The Queen." The movie could have



but he did it all by himself posters, I had these lousy and was kind of burnt out. paper flyers. A week after The success of the film was the festival a guy called meant to be: "I was at this film festival, and the other film makers all brought large support staffs. I was sitting in an office in the hotel alone, cutting my movie promo flyers by hand. They were just terrible. The

been bigger, Ray says, other movies had beautiful me from a movie studio: "Can you send me a copy of your movie. I picked up your flyer at the festival and I thought it looked interesting'. You never know where the magic might occur!" Ray laughs out loud.

Before Ray had his successes, he had day jobs like bartending and waiting tables. He even sold uniforms to mailmen, did all kinds of jobs while in the evenings he performed in different comedy clubs in New York. He found Aruba after finishing working on a tv show: "I hosted the talk show Late-Net for a while, a live show

for the internet, which was way ahead of its time. People called in from all over the world to interact with my guests, who were big big stars. It did really well, was fun, got a lot of great press and amazing guests. After that show finished I needed a break, and ended up having a trip to Aruba. I fell in love with Aruba, and that is where this journey started."

The Aruba Ray's Comedy Shows have started again with shows at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino from yesterday on (some days are off, check the schedule at www.ArubaComedy.com).

Curious about Ray and his fellow comedians? Visit the show and let your smiles flow. To Ray it is all clear: "If I am not on stage for a week I feel weird, it's a part of my system. Eating, breathing, performing."



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Aruban Fishing Boat



My grandfather was a fisherman and growing up hearing his adventures at sea was something that I can't forget. He lost his left ring finger at sea catching a big fish (for me it was a shark/whale) as I imagine it as a child. I do have much respect for fishermen risking their lives at sea so we can eat a delicious mahi-mahi. This is a real Aruban fishing boat and look how happy they are after 10 hours at sea.

The sailing boat



Last Saturday I've met with a few of my Instagram followers and one lady asked the best question, how can she improve her vacation pictures. My first advice was to take out all distraction, things that are not important in your frame. In this picture, the sailing boat is the main object, the blue sky, white clouds and blue sea are part of the scenario to help give beauty, value and trigger the emotional aspects of the main object. Third, the off focused palapas serve to create depth in the picture. Fourth tip is that you must always wait for the best light, pay attention to the best light quality for your picture and take the picture at that specific time, not before and

Love shots



Many times when on vacation we don't do love shots and we forget the power of "love shots" as I call it. Hold close in one's arms as a way of showing love or affection. As a photographer I love, "love shots" and other people/family will feel the love when seeing the picture. First you must be relaxed and feel comfortable and is also the job of the photographer to let the couple feel confident and be willing to go this extra mile. This has nothing to do with age I do have some awesome love shots of 40 years of marriage!

Mangel Halto (right hand, on your way to San Nicolas)



For me this is a very exotic location and a must visit. Mangel halto is one of the best places for snorkeling where you can see the underwater world. Super nice for a swimming day, the only place where you can see 8 colors of blue. There is a special location where you can spend the day with the family under the mangroves. You can go to Mangel Halto by car or by boat and I did both on many occasions. The water is not deep and you will see the Aruban Kwihi tree, cactuses and the view is just like paradise. This is a picture from last thursday.



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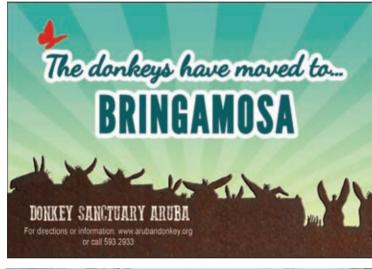
PALMBEACH — Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority honored Goodwill Ambassadors and Distinguished Visitors of Aruba as a token of appreciation for visiting the island for more than 10 and 20 years and more consecutive years.

Honorees were grandmother Lillian Kubelka, father David Kubelka, mother Joy Kulbeka and their children Erik, Kayla and Brooke Kubelka

Ms. Darline de Cuba representing the Aruba Tour-

ism Authority, and member of Playa Linda bestowed the certificate of the Ambassadors and handed some presents to the honorees and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years on behalf of the Government of Aruba.

Visitors stated that the main reasons for returning to Aruba with very nice and memorable facts: They loved the weather and the people of Aruba.









SPORTS









Sei Young Kim hits from the fairway on No. 5 during the Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic golf tournament Sunday, July 8, 2018, in Oneida, Wis.

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Kim shatters LPGA scoring records, wins by 9 shots

By BILL HUBER
Associated Press

ONEIDA, Wis. (AP) — Sei Young Kim became the first player in LPGA Tour history to go lower than 30 under in a performance so dominant in the Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic that she now has the tour scoring records all to herself.

Kim closed with a 7-under 65 on Sunday for a nine-shot victory, finishing at 31-under 257 to break by four shots to par the record Kim had shared with Annika Sorenstam.

Kim won the 2016 Founders Cup at 27 under, while Sorenstam won the 2001 Standard Register Ping at 27 under, the tournament Sorenstam shot 59.

Kim also set the 72-hole scoring record at 257, finishing with three straight pars to break the mark by one shot.

The only blemish for Kim all week at Thornberry Creek at Oneida was a double bogey in the second round Friday.

She had 31 birdies and one eagle, another record for most sub-par holes in a tournament.

Kim hit 67 out of 72 greens in regulation. ☐





Kevin Na wins by 5 shots in West Virginia for 2nd tour win

By JOHN RABY
AP Sports Writer
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS,
W.Va. (AP) — Kevin Na
rode a hot putter to halt a
winless streak of nearly seven years on the PGA Tour.
Na shot a 6-under-64 for a
five-stroke victory at A Military Tribute at The Green-

The 34-year-old Na's only previous tour win came in Las Vegas in October 2011. "I wasn't sure if it was going to come again. I was hoping it would — sooner than later," Na said. "I've been close so many times, failed so many times."

brier on Sunday.

He's had three dozen top-10 finishes since that last win and showed signs earlier this year that reaching the top again was still well within reach. He tied for second at the Genesis Open in January, two shots behind Bubba Watson. In late May he shot 61 in the first round of the Fort Worth Invitational to match the course record and finished fourth.

Starting Sunday's round one stroke behind coleaders Harold Varner and Kelly Kraft, Na birdied six of his first 10 holes to open a big lead on the Old White TPC, and he cruised from there. The only blemish on his card was a bogey on the par-4 11th after driving into the rough.

Na finished at 19-under 261 and picked up the \$1.31 million winner's paycheck. He improved 40 spots to No. 18 in the FedEx Cup standings.

Kraft shot 70 and finished second at 14 under. Brandt Snedeker (64) and Jason Kokrak (67) tied for third at 13 under.

Na was one shot behind co-leaders Kraft and Harold Varner to begin the day. His birdie stretch included making putts of 24, 33 and 43 feet.

"My putter got hot," Na said. "The first day the putter felt awful, and (then) it just clicked. Every time I got over the ball it felt great, and everything felt like it was going in."

By the time he strolled up to the 18th green, Na was at ease, relaying his love to his wife and young daughter toward a TV camera. He cried during a television interview after the round as he relayed a message in Korean to his overseas fans. "I didn't want to leave the Korean fans out," Na said. The only drama down the stretch was who would pick up the last of the tournament's four qualifying spots to the British Open in two weeks. Na had already earned a spot. Varner needed to make a birdie putt on either No. 17 or 18 to get there, but he parred both holes. That gave the final spot to Austin Cook.

Kraft, Kokrak and Snedeker were the other qualifiers. The leading four players not already exempt from the top-12 finishers qualified.

Kraft said his first British Open bid helped take away some of the sting of losing the lead Sunday.

"Obviously, I would have loved to win after leading coming into today, but, you know, sometimes you run into a guy that makes a lot of putts," Kraft said.

No third-round leader has gone on to win the tournament since its debut in 2010. Varner shot 72 and finished tied for fifth at 12 under along with Cook (66), Joaquin Niemann (64), Sam Saunders (70) and Joel Dahmen (69).

The 19-year-old Niemann already has four top-10 finishes in eight events this season and has secured special temporary membership on tour.

Defending champion Xander Schauffele, who was one shot behind when the round started, bogeyed five of his first six holes. He shot 75 and finished 11 shots back.



Kevin Na holds the trophy after winning the Military Tribute PGA Tour Golf Tournament at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Sunday, July 8, 2018.

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Eovaldi flirts with perfection as Rays rout Mets 9-0

By JEFFREY METALLO **Associated Press**

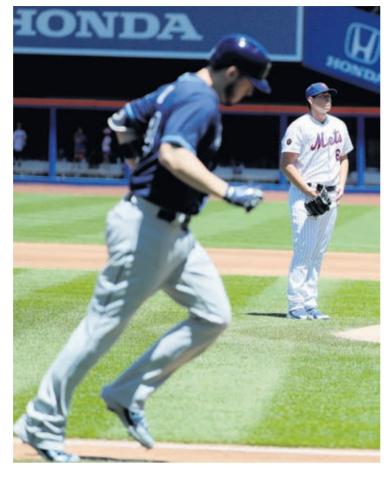
NEW YORK (AP) — The weather was nearly perfect and so was Nathan Eovaldi. The right-hander retired his first 18 batters, C.J. Cron hit an early threerun homer and the Tampa Bay Rays routed the New York Mets 9-0 on Sunday.

"The fastball location was really there, and the cutter," Eovaldi said. "Those two pitches I really felt like I located probably the best I could have."

Eovaldi took a perfect game into the seventh before Brandon Nimmo lined a leadoff single to right field. Nimmo was quickly erased on a double play, and Eovaldi faced the minimum while needing only 79 pitches to get through seven innings.

"I was trying to back-door that cutter and I missed down and in, and that's right in his swing path," he said.

Eovaldi, who returned this season from his second Tommy John surgery, struck out nine and helped himself with an RBI single. An-



New York Mets' Chris Flexen, right, looks on as Tampa Bay Rays' C.J. Cron runs the bases after hitting a three-run home run during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 8, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

drew Kittredge pitched the final two innings for the Rays, giving up a single in

the two-hitter.

Joey Wendle and Jake Bauers also homered for the ninth before finishing Tampa Bay, which has won time this season Eovaldi (3-3) made it through six innings without allowing a hit. He threw six hitless innings in May against Oakland for a 6-0 Rays win in his first major league start since 2016.

"Cutter was really good today. Amazing," catcher Jesus Sucre said. "His fastball was so sharp today. They didn't have a chance."

Three times this year Eovaldi has gone six or more innings and given up no more than one hit, tied with Pittsburgh's Trevor Williams for most in the majors.

"Credit to him for pitching well, but you never want to get no-hit. You never want to be a part of that," Nimmo said. Cron's home run gave the Rays a 3-0 lead in the first. He connected on a fastball down the middle from Chris Flexen (0-2) and drove it into the second deck in left field. The homer was Cron's 17th of the season, setting a career high. "As long as it gets over, I'm happy," Cron said.

Flexen, making his first big league start since last September, struggled with command early. He lasted only three innings on a day when the Mets needed length from their starter ahead of a doubleheader Monday. He gave up five earned runs in three innings, walking three and hitting a batter with a pitch.

"Not throwing enough strikes, not throwing enough quality strikes when I need them," Flexen said.

Eovaldi knocked in a run in the fifth when he beat out an infield single to make it 6-0. A day after putting the leadoff hitter on in seven of nine innings, the listless Mets were shut out for the second consecutive game. They've been blanked eight times this season — seven at home and have gone 14 straight series without winning one. New York is 3-17 in its last 20 home games and has dropped 30 of 40 overall. It was the second time this

season Tampa Bay has thrown consecutive shutouts. All eight of the team's shutouts have come since May 28, and the Rays have

11 of 15. It was the second a 1.82 ERA in their last 15 games.

ROSTER MOVES

Flexen was recalled from Triple-A Las Vegas. To open a roster spot, the Mets optioned RHP Drew Smith to their top farm team.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: RHP Chaz Roe was placed on the 10-day disabled list with a left meniscus tear. He will have a procedure Friday and is expected to miss at least four to six weeks. RHP Jaime Schultz was recalled from Triple-A.... Gold Glove CF Kevin Kiermaier did not start due to back tightness. ... SS Willy Adames sat out for the second consecutive day due to illness. ... 2B Daniel Robertson was hit by a pitch on the inside of his right elbow in the first but stayed in the game. ... OF Mallex Smith left with leg cramps after running the bases in the fifth.

Mets: RHP Noah Syndergaard threw 71 pitches for Class A Brooklyn against Staten Island, his first rehab start since being placed on the disabled list May 26 with a strained ligament in his right index finger. Syndergaard allowed one run and two hits in five innings, with seven strikeouts and a walk. ... LHP Jason Vargas will make a rehab start for Brooklyn on Monday. He has been sidelined since June 22 with a strained right calf. ... SS Amed Rosario was given a planned day off. Mets manager Mickey Callaway said Rosario will play both games Monday against Philadelphia.

UP NEXT

Rays: RHP Chris Archer (3-4, 4.24 ERA) pitches the series opener Monday night at home against Detroit. It will be Archer's first start since June 2 when he was placed on the DL for the first time in his career with a left abdominal strain. Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said Archer will be limited to "loosely" 70 pitches.

Mets: RHP Zack Wheeler (2-6, 4.36 ERA) starts the opener against the Phillies, and RHP Corey Oswalt (0-1, 7.94) goes in the nightcap as the teams make up an April 2 postponement.



Bases-loaded walk in 10th gives Cubs 6-5 victory over Reds

By JOHN JACKSON **Associated Press**

CHICAGO (AP) — In registering a string of comeback wins, the Cubs have come through with big hit after big hit late in games. On Sunday, they produced a rally without the benefit of a hit.

David Bote drove in the game-winning run with a bases-loaded walk in the 10th inning, lifting Chicago to a 6-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Javier Baez had two hits and two RBIs for the Cubs, who have won their last nine games in comeback fashion. Albert Almora Jr. and Ian Happ also had two hits apiece, and Addison Russell drove in three runs.

The Cubs trailed 4-3 in the seventh. They scored four times in the eighth inning on Saturday for an 8-7 win. "When we get a little bit behind, the guys are still very much alive," Chicago manager Joe Maddon said.

Eugenio Suarez and Adam Duvall homered for the Reds, who had their five-series winning streak snapped.

Luke Farrell (3-3) worked a

Willson Contreras led off the 10th with a walk against Jackson Stephens (2-2). Contreras then advanced on a wild pitch with Victor Caratini at the plate. After Caratini struck out, Happ was intentionally walked.

Russell then hit a weak roller to first base. Joey Votto fielded the ball cleanly and had an easy play, but tried to take the ball out of his glove before reaching the baa — to hold Contreras at third — and bobbled it. Russell was initially called out, but the call was overturned following a review, loading the bases with one out. Votto was given an error.

Bote worked the count to 3-2 and then took a high fastball for ball four.

"That game had a little bit of everything," Cincinnati manager Jim Riggleman said. "It had big hitting, it had good defense, it had unearned runs. It just came down to they got the last at-bat, and walks played a big part. Your defense sometimes is going to suffer when you're going into deep counts, walking people and so forth."

Baez's two-run single in the



Chicago Cubs' David Bote reacts after his winning walk during the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Sunday, July 8, 2018, in Chicago.

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5-4 lead. But Duvall led off the ninth with a drive to left off Brandon Morrow. It was Morrow's second blown save of the season.

"To me, the most important thing is responding to the runs that the other team scores," Baez said.

STREAK ENDS

Cubs starter Jon Lester failed in his bid to become the NL's first 12-game winner. He allowed four runs on six hits in 6 1/3 innings to snap his seven-start winning streak.

BASE RUNNING CLINIC

Billy Hamilton gave the Reds the 4-3 lead by producing clean 10th inning for the seventh gave the Cubs a a run in the fifth without a

hit. He walked, stole second and went to third as Contreras' throw went into center. When Almora failed to pick it up cleanly, Hamilton raced home.

Jason Heyward also produced some aggressive running on Baez's seventhinning single up the middle. Almora scored easily from third and Heyward raced to third. After seeing Hamilton lob the ball back towards second base, Heyward broke for the plate. **ROSTER MOVES**

The Cubs placed righthander Anthony Bass on the 10-day disabled list due to an illness and brought

up right-hander James Norwood from Triple-A lowa. The move with Bass is retroactive to Thursday.

The 24-year-old Norwood began the season with Double-A Tennessee and was promoted to lowa on June 25. He has tossed 5 1/3 scoreless innings over four appearances with lowa.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cubs: 3B Kris Bryant (left shoulder inflammation) will begin a rehab assignment with Double-A Tennessee on Monday. Bryant said he is hoping to rejoin the team in San Francisco during the three-game series that begins on Monday.

Trout leads stellar AL outfield for All-Star Game

By JAY COHEN **AP Sports Writer**

Bryce Harper and Max Scherzer make up a notso-gracious welcome committee for the NL.

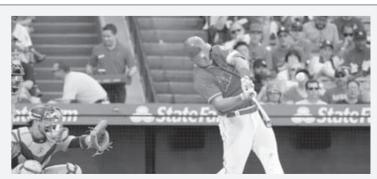
Power in the center of power. A capital-sized All-Star Game.

Mike Trout, Aaron Judge showcase on Sunday and Betts is batting .342 and Mookie Betts form a night, teaturing an imposdream outfield for the AL. ing lineup for the American League and Harper in his usual spot at his home ballpark in Washington.

Trout is working on perhaps the best season of his stellar career with the Los Angeles Angels. Judge has

unveiled the 25 homers and 58 RBIs for rosters for its midsummer the New York Yankees, with 22 homers for the major league-leading Boston Red Sox.

> But that's just the beginning for the AL. Houston Astros second baseman and reigning AL MVP Jose Altuve led the fan balloting with 4.8 million votes.



Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout, right, hits a solo home run as Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal watches during the sixth inning of a baseball game Saturday, July 7, 2018, in Anaheim, Calif.

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Wimbledon glance: Federer, Nadal, Williams start Week 2

By The Associated Press

A quick look at Wimbledon: LOOKAHEAD TO MONDAY Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic all will be in action as Week 2 begins. So will Serena Williams. Wimbledon's unique second Monday is guaranteed to be busy: This is the only Grand Slam tournament that schedules all 16 men's and women's fourth-round singles matches on one day's schedule. The No. 1-seeded Federer, seeking a record-extending ninth title at the All England Club and 21st major trophy overall, opens the proceedings at Centre Court by taking on No. 22 Adrian Mannarino of France, who never has been to the quarterfinals at any Slam. Federer? He's been to the final eight 52 times. Another statistic that makes this one seem like quite a mismatch: Federer is 5-0 against Mannarino, winning 12 of the 13 sets they've played. Not only has Federer not lost a set in the tournament so far, and not only hasn't he been broken so far, he hasn't so much as faced a single break point. Mannarino, meanwhile, has converted 19 of 29 break points he's earned as a re-



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff during their men's singles match, on the fifth day of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Friday July 6, 2018.

turner, the highest success rate of anyone remaining. No. 2 seed Nadal, a two-time champion, tries to get back to the quarterfinals at the All England Club for the first time since 2011, meeting 93rd-ranked Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic, while No. 12 Djokovic, who's won Wimbledon three times, meets 40thranked Karen Khachanov of Russia. Williams will follow Federer at Centre Court. and she plays 120th-ranked qualifier Evgeniya Rodina of Russia. They are the last two mothers remaining in the singles draw of the halfdozen who started. Williams is also the lone past Wimbledon champion left in the women's bracket; she owns seven titles, including in 2015 and 2016, the previous two times she entered the tournament. Only

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one of the top 10 women's seeds remains after an upset-filled Week 1: No. 7 Karolina Pliskova, the 2016 U.S. Open runner-up. She plays the day's first match on No. 2 Court, facing No. 20 Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands, who eliminated Venus Williams in the third round.

OTHER MEN'S MATCHUPS MONDAY

No. 5 Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina vs. Gilles Si-

mon of France, No. 8 Kevin Anderson of South Africa vs. Gael Monfils of France, No. 9 John Isner of the U.S. vs. No. 31 Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece, No. 13 Milos Raonic of Canada vs. Mackenzie McDonald of the U.S., and No. 24 Kei Nishikori of Japan vs. aualifier Ernests Gulbis of Latvia.

OTHER WOMEN'S MATCH-**UPS MONDAY**

No. 11 Angelique Kerber of Germany vs. Belinda Bencic of Switzerland, No. 12 Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia vs. Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus, No. 13 Julia Goerges of Germany vs. Donna Vekic of Croatia, Camila Giorgi of Italy vs. Ekaterina Makarova of Russia, Hsieh Su-Wei of Taiwan vs. Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia, and Alison Van Uytvanck of Belaium vs. Daria Kasatkina of Russia.

MONDAY'S FORECAST

Sunny. High of 84 degrees (29 Celsius).

STAT OF THE DAY

67 — Consecutive service games won at Wimbledon by Federer, a streak that dates to last year's semifinals.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Here, if you don't have a big, big serve, you can't feel ... safe." — Nadal.□



Slovakia's Peter Sagan celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the second stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 182.5 kilometers (113.4 miles) with start in Mouilleron-Saint-Germain and finish in La Roche Sur-Yon, France, Sunday, July 8, 2018.

By JOSEPH WILSON **Associated Press**

LA ROCHE-SUR-YON. **France (AP)** — A year after leaving the Tour de France in disgrace, Peter Sagan earned the race's yellow jersey on Sunday after do-

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Powering past the competition to reach the finish line. The three-time defending world champion took the overall lead of the Tour on Sunday after he bettered about a dozen other sprinters to win Stage 2.

Sagan wins Stage 2 in Tour de France, Froome has calmer ride

came just over a year since he was disqualified from cycling's most prestigious event by race officials who ruled he had caused a crash that broke Mark Cavendish's shoulder.

"Revenge? I already forgot about last year," Sagan said. "I'm just happy I can be in the Tour de France, the biggest race in the world."

Defending champion Chris Froome, who fell into a ditch near the end of Saturday's Stage 1, arrived safely with most of the peloton. Sagan came up short in the opening stage's sprint when he crossed second behind Fernando Gaviria, ing what he does best: The Slovakian rider's ninth who won on his Tour de-

career win at the Tour but. And the second stage looked like it would feature another duel between the veteran Sagan and new star Gaviria.

But Gaviria was involved in a group pileup inside the three-kilometer zone that neutralizes the impact of accidents and could do nothing to stop Sagan from claiming a six-second overall lead.

"We expected some crashes in this tricky final and moved up early," said Enrico Poitschke, sports director of Sagan's Bora-Hansgrohe team.

"This proved to be important as we were able to avoid the last crash. Everything turned out perfect."

of the small bunch hunting for position, reaching a speed of 57.6 kph on the final 500 meters on his way to the finish line.

With Sonny Colbrelli about to catch him, Sagan thrust forward to ensure victory.

"It was really a hard sprint. It was climbing a little bit in a headwind and already the last five kilometers were up and down. It was a mess," Sagan said.

"I was a bit scared because Sonny was coming back strong."

Sagan won the mostly flat 182.5-kilometer (113.4-mile) leg from Mouilleron-Saint-Germain to the department capital of La Rochesur-Yon in 4 hours, 6 min-Sagan moved to the front utes, 37 seconds.



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Cormier stops heavyweight Miocic to win 2nd UFC title belt

By GREG BEACHAM **AP Sports Writer** LAS VEGAS (AP) — Daniel Cormier knocked out the UFC heavyweight champion, argued with a professional wrestler and left the octagon dancing with glee and perfect balance, thanks to one championship belt on each arm.

There will never be another Saturday night like it for the 39-year-old former amateur wrestler who stands on the pinnacle of the UFC. Make that two pinnacles. Cormier added the heavyweight championship to his light heavyweight title

when he stopped Stipe

Miocic in dramatic fashion during the first round of their superfight at UFC 226. Late in a lively opening round, Cormier (21-1, 1 nocontest) abruptly flattened the UFC's long-reigning heavyweight kingpin with a right elbow out of a clinch. He finished Miocic (18-3) on the ground with 27 seconds left in the round, landing several shots to the defenseless champion's

Cormier became the second fighter in UFC history to hold two championship belts simultaneously. Conor McGregor was the UFC's featherweight champ in 2016 when he took the lightweight title from Eddie Alvarez.

head.

"I was a heavyweight for a long time, and I left the division," Cormier said. "I never knew what I could become, but tonight I got the answer I'm a two-division champion, baby!"

Cormier, a former Strikeforce heavyweight champion who moved down in weight to avoid fighting a good friend, has never lost to anyone except Jon Jones, the star-crossed former light heavyweight



Daniel Cormier celebrates after defeating Stipe Miocic in a heavyweight title mixed martial arts bout at UFC 226, Saturday, July 7, 2018, in Las Vegas.

champion who beat him twice. The second victory last summer was changed to a no-contest when Jones failed a doping test, and he remains out of the sport. Cormier is on top of it with less than a year to go until reaching his self-imposed retirement age of 40.

"I'm 39 years old, and I've been second many times," Cormier said. "But today, I have accomplished everything I ever wanted. From crying in this octagon almost a year ago, to leaving as the heavyweight champion."

Cormier's 5-inch height disadvantage and 8-inch disadvantage against Miocic proved to be no problems — and he actually weighed a few pounds more than Miocic at weigh-ins on Friday.

"In our studying, we knew Stipe would back out of the clinch a little bit with his hands low, so I worked on that," Cormier said. "I spent all camp knocking out my training partners, and to-Lesnar shoved Cormier in day I got to do it in the oc- the chest while the fighters

tagon."

Cormier's move up to challenge Miocic was only the third superfight in UFC history between reigning champions of two weight classes. Welterweight champ Georges St. Pierre defended his belt in 2009 by battering lightweight champ BJ Penn, and McGregor accomplished his feat less than two years ago in his most recent MMA fight.

UFC President Dana White said the result confirms Cormier is "one of the best of all time. ... It finally gives him the respect that he deserves.

It couldn't happen to a better guy. I said to him, 'If you're the champion for the rest of my career, I'll be a happy man.'"

After beating Cormier engaged in a bit of clearly planned theatrics with Brock Lesnar, the professional wrestler and former UFC heavyweight champion. Cormier called Lesnar into the cage, and

Associated Press traded insults to hype a potential future bout.

"Push me now, (and) you're going to sleep later," Cormier yelled at Lesnar. "Your days are in the past. In the stone age."

Lesnar, likely the biggest pay-per-view draw in UFC history, is widely expected to return to MMA early next year. White confirmed he'll book Cormier against Lesnar as soon as Lesnar has completed the requisite drug testing, but Cormier said he would like to defend his 205-pound title later this year before fighting Lesnar.

Cormier was a heavyweight amateur wrestler before his late-starting MMA career. He won the Strikeforce heavyweight title before leaving the division when he joined the UFC because punishing he didn't want to fight Cain Velasquez, his training partner and the former UFC heavyweight champ.

Earlier at UFC 226, heavyweight Derrick Lewis over formerly fearsome bell.

prospect Francis Ngannou in the co-main event at the UFC's biggest show of the summer. Welterweight Mike Perry also earned a copiously bloody split-decision victory over Paul Felder.

But Cormier provided all the fireworks necessary with his demolition of Miocic, who had held the heavyweight belt for over two years. Miocic was the most dominant heavyweiaht champion in the history of the UFC's most tumultuous division, defending his belt a UFC-record three times.

The Cleveland firefighter

hadn't lost since December 2014 and hadn't been stopped since September 2012. The show capped the UFC's annual International Fight Week in early July in its hometown. For fourth consecutive year, the weekend's payper-view card lost a major fight when featherweight champion Max Holloway was ruled out of his title defense with Brian Ortega due to symptoms of an apparent concussion.

Lewis (20-5) earned an easy decision victory practically by default when Ngannou (11-3) seemed uninterested in engaging amid heavy boos. Ngannou, who landed a paltry 11 strikes over three rounds, was thought to be the UFC's next heavyweight force before Miocic dominated him in January. White criticized Ngannou's downfall.

The sometimes outrageous Perry (12-3) ended a twofight skid with a disciplined, performance against Felder (15-4), who hung in despite seriously injuring his right forearm and getting a frightening cut near his left eye. Both fighters were covered in earned a lifeless decision Felder's blood by the final

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New Mexico nuclear weapons laboratory marks 75 years

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) When J. Robert Oppenheimer invited top scientists, engineers and technicians to New Mexico in

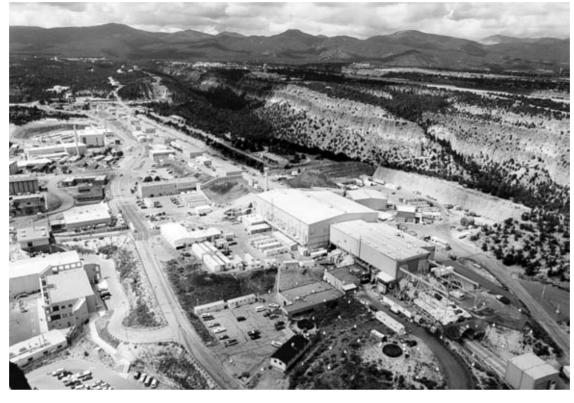
1943 to build the world's first nuclear weapon, no one really knew what the results would be.

What they did know was that they had to succeed at all costs since intelligence reports indicated Germany and its allies were working toward the same

The once-secret city of Los Alamos is marking 75 years of discovery at Los Alamos National Laboratory, which still plays a key role in maintaining the United States' nuclear weapons cache. The facility also still conducts research on everything from renewable energy technology to public health concerns and the effects of insects on stressed forests.

The anniversary comes as the lab prepares for a shift in leadership. The U.S. Energy Department recently awarded the multibilliondollar contract to manage Los Alamos to Triad National Security LLC, a company made up of the University of California, Texas A&M and Battelle Memorial Insti-

The University of California has played a management role since the beginning, close for nearly three years.



This undated aerial photo shows the Los Alamos National laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M. When J. Robert Oppenheimer invited the top scientists to New Mexico in 1943 to build the world's first nuclear weapon, no one really knew what the results were going to be.

and in late 2015 federal officials announced they would be putting the contract out to bid since the management team failed to earn high performance reviews.

Los Alamos lab has struggled with safety lapses involving the handling of plutonium and radioactive waste and was found responsible for a 2014 radiation release that forced the nation's only underground nuclear waste repository to The federal government recently tasked the lab with annually building at least 30 plutonium cores, which are used to trigger nuclear weapons.

The lab marked its anniversary earlier this month with a day of speeches and activities, the Los Alamos Monitor reported.

Just yards from where plans for the first nuclear bomb were developed, Los Alamos lab director Terry Wallace told a crowd about what Oppenheimer's ideas meant to the world and New Mexico's future.

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"Over a series of lectures, they came up with a plan, and that plan was to do something they had never done before," Wallace

"They weren't going to be just physicists. They weren't going to be just chemists. They weren't going to be just engineers," he said. "They had to be able to have the world's best technicians. They had to be able to have the world's that's been done here."

best craft to be able to build the facilities around us."

Wallace said the United States has been served ever since by that initial blueprint for bringing together a talented workforce to solve some of the world's most difficult problems.

As lab employees roamed downtown admiring antique fire engines and cars on display as part of the anniversary celebration, their children played laser tag at the park and slurped ice cones. There were also demonstrations at the nearby Bradbury Science Museum.

In one booth lining Central Avenue, lab employee Michael Nesmith was gathering signatures as part of an effort to get a Virginia class nuclear attack submarine named the "USS Los Alamos."

Nesmith and his committee have been working on the campaign since 2016. He said it was the least he could do for a national laboratory that has done so much.

"The impact has been dramatic, not just in ending the bloodiest conflict in the world, but ever since then," he said. "Medical isotopes, all kinds of things. ... It's hard to comprehend everything

Iranian teen detained over Instagram dance videos

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran tention, and that she was 300 videos on her account, the accounts were verified. Iions of Iranians continue eos on Instagram and attracted tens of thousands made under duress. of followers.

State TV broadcast a video on Friday in which Maedeh Hojabri, 18-year-old gymnast, acknowledged breaking moral norms while insisting that was not her in-

has detained a teenage only trying to gain more many of which showed her Iranian police have said to use the sites through girl who posted dance vid-followers. It was unclear dancing in both Iranian they plan to shut down proxies and VPNs. Iran's juwhether her statement was

Shabooneh, a local news website, said Hojabri and three other individuals were detained on similar charges in recent weeks before being released on bail. She had posted around and Western styles. She also appeared in videos without wearing the obligatory Islamic headscarf. Her performances had thousands of followers on various accounts with her name on them, ranging from 12,000 to 66,000 followers. None of

similar accounts on Instagram, and the judiciary is considering blocking access to the site. Iran has already blocked access to many social media sites, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and the Telegram messaging app. Mil-

diciary and security forces are dominated by hardliners who launch periodic crackdowns on behavior deemed un-Islamic. The latest arrests came amid a series of protests against the government's handling of the economy.

Trump's economic gamble: Solid job gains vs. risky trade war

By JOSH BOAK
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — From
the safety of a resilient U.S.
economy, President Donald Trump lit the fuse Friday

on a high-risk trade war

with China.
History suggests that a cycle of tariffs and retaliations can eventually choke economic growth. But for now, employers, investors and U.S. consumers are weighing the perils of a prolonged rift between the world's two largest economies against a far more positive backdrop: America's healthiest

job market in years.

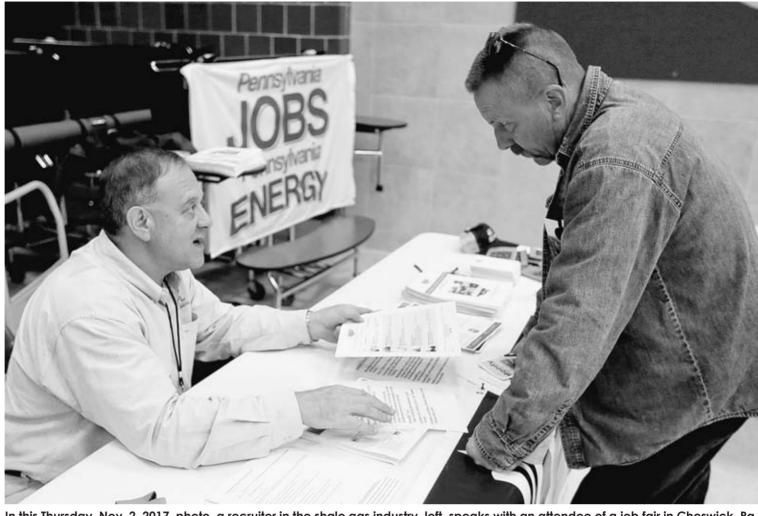
Evidently confident despite the risks ahead, U.S. employers have added jobs this year at a robust monthly average of 214,500. Many businesses say they've reached the point where they can't even find enough people to fill jobs. Unemployment is at a low 4 percent.

All that hiring is occurring in an economic expansion that is entering its 10th year — the second-longest streak on record. The U.S. financial markets, while wary of the trade fights Trump has pursued, have swung this year between modest gains and losses but have avoided any sustained panic.

"The robustness of the economy — and it's stronger than it has been in decades — inoculates Trump's trade policy moves from closer scrutiny," said Daniel Ikenson, director for trade policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute.

Most employers see the economy as having achieved a comfortable cruising speed and have kept hiring. In surveys of business sentiment, they have expressed concerns about the tariffs, but their wariness has yet to disrupt their business plans.

The United States added 213,000 jobs in June, and an influx of new jobseekers, seemingly optimistic about their prospects but not finding work right away, lifted the unemployment rate from 3.8 percent to 4 percent, the government reported Friday.



In this Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, photo, a recruiter in the shale gas industry, left, speaks with an attendee of a job fair in Cheswick, Pa.

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Helping propel growth, business and consumers have received a \$136 billion stimulus this year from tax cuts. Quarterly economic growth is on track to be the strongest since 2014. Housing starts are up 11 percent so far this year. From this position of strength, President Donald Trump is gambling that he can deploy tariffs to his advantage even though they will inflict some pain on businesses and consumers that backed him in 2016. The Trump team's calculation appears to be that foreign countries have no choice but to trade with the world's largest economy and will ultimately have

The president hopes to extract concessions not only from China but also from such long-standing allies as the European Union, Canada and Mexico. His stated goal is to reduce U.S. trade imbalances and create more U.S. manufacturing jobs.

So far, the economy can absorb the costs of the new tariffs, including separate steel and aluminum import taxes, without suffering a crushing hit. But the pain could intensify. Trump has threatened a 20 percent tariff on roughly \$50 billion of auto imports from the European Union. Those tariffs could lead to reciprocal taxes from other countries that could hurt U.S. automakers and lead to layoffs. Trump has warned that he may eventually impose tariffs on more than \$500 billion of Chinese imports. He said in a speech in Montana last week that other countries will agree to his terms — "and if they don't, we'll actually do better."

"Our allies, in many cases, were worse than our enemies," the president said. "We opened our country to their goods, but they put up massive barriers to keep our products and our goods the hell out of their country because they didn't want that competition."

From soybean farmers and pork producers to the motorcycle manufacturer Harley Davidson, numerous American exporters are facing upheavals from the tariffs.

Still, some U.S. companies are benefiting. Braidy Industries, for example, just

broke ground on an aluminum mill near Ashland, Kentucky. It says it's already sold twice the plant's capacity for the first seven years of production after actions by the U.S. government to protect America's aluminum industry.

Craig Bouchard, Braidy's CEO, said an expansion of U.S. tariffs on imported aluminum is helping to allow for the 600 mill jobs he's adding in Appalachia and the thousands of jobs indirectly supported by the plant.

"It's 10,000 families resting on my shoulders," he said. So far, most economists view Trump as jockeying for more favorable trade rules rather than welcoming a prolonged conflict with America's trading partners. Administration officials have encouraged this view.

"He's going to deliver better deals," Kevin Hassett, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said on FOX Business Network. "He's called the bluff of other countries that have basically been abusing ... our workers for a long time and — but he

wants better deals."

Bill Adams, a senior economist at PNC Financial Services, said that a truly destructive trade war is "still not our base case expectation, but it is less farfetched than it seemed" earlier this year.

A calamitous trade war would likely be the "result of miscalculation or unintended consequences, rather than an explicit goal," Adams added.

If it happened, the Trumpled economy could eventually buckle under the weight of protectionist trade policies.

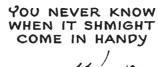
"The longer tariffs last and the wider they become, the more they will dampen hiring and investment by U.S. businesses engaged in global value chains," Adams said.



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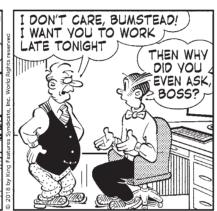
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July 1. 2018 photo provided by The Chicago Zoological Society shows Ali, a baby western lowland gorilla in her mother Koola's arms, at Brookfield Zoo.

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Newest gorilla at Brookfield Zoo in Illinois gets name: Ali

Associated Press BROOKFIELD, III. (AP) — A

baby gorilla born a month ago at a zoo in suburban Chicago has been named

Brookfield Zoo says a donor chose the name of the western lowland gorilla that was born June 1.

Zoo spokeswoman Sondra Katzen says she doesn't know why Ali was the name chosen.

The Chicago Tribune reports that for the next four months or so, Ali will cling to her mother. Koola, before she starts venturing further — but still within arm's reach.

Ali is a big deal — and not just to Koola and her father, Jojo. Western lowland gorillas are considered critically endangered and experts estimate there are just 200,000 living in their native habitat in the forests of Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Nigeria, Congo and Angola.

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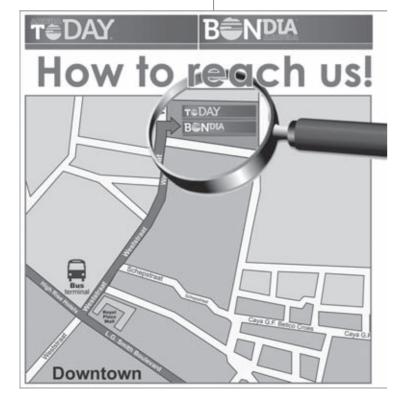
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Backed by Prince Harry, conservation group expands in Africa

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA **Associated Press** JOHANNESBURG (AP) -

The news from Congo's Garamba National Park was grim for decades: rangers killed, an elephant population decimated by poachers, marauding armed groups and the disappearance of the last northern white rhinos living in the wild. African Parks, the non-profit group that took over management in 2005, had doubts about whether it could turn things

With international support, Johannesburg-based outfit stuck it out in a place that resembled a combat zone at times, and it is reporting some good news. Garamba's ranger force of 200 has not suffered a casualty on the job in the last 12 months and just two elephants have been killed this year, compared to 50 in 2017 and 99 in 2016.

around.

The progress highlights a public-private conservation model honed by African Parks, whose expanding operations across the continent are likely to get more attention with Britain's Prince Harry as the group's president. Appointed in December, the royal had worked in the field with African Parks, which has boards in South Africa, Europe and the United States and counts the European Union and USAID among major donors.

African Parks assumes dayto-day management of countries' wildlife areas, seeking more efficiency and accountability in the campaign to protect flora and fauna from poaching and habitat depletion. Many partner nations struggle to run parks on their own, challenged by poverty, corruption and conflict.



In this file photo photo taken Monday, May 23, 2016, Erik Marary, the manager of the Garamba National Park in Congo, is photographed against a poster backdrop of elephants during an interview with The Associated Press in Johannesburg.

Founded in 2000, African Parks established a hardnosed reputation by going into seriously degraded places armed with the right to hire and fire from governments, which retained broad authority but respected a clear separation of roles. African Parks aims

"It was literally, 'Here's a park, we've written it off, there's no wildlife left, there's no value, there's no tourism, there's no income for the park ... so you take it.' And that was fine. We needed to prove that we were able to achieve what we were saying, what we believed was possible," said Peter Fearnhead, African Parks' CEO.

for 25-year commitments;

some are 10 years with a

right to renew, while others

are 50-year deals.

"Our challenges in the past have been trying to convince governments that this was worth doing," Fearnhead said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Our challenge now is almost one of not going too fast and not taking on too much, too quickly."

The group now has more than 1,000 rangers and manages an ecologically diverse portfolio of 15 areas in nine countries, totaling about 105,000 square kilometers (40,500 square miles). It spent \$44 million in 2017 and seeks by 2020 to manage 20 parks, a relatively small bulwark amid the hundreds of vulnerable reserves across the continent. It hopes other organizations will take the same approach.

In the past, non-governmental groups provided "bolt-on support" — technical, financial and so on — to state-run parks, but some now look to emulate the public-private management model, Fearnhead said.

Based at New York's Bronx Zoo, the Wildlife Conservation Society helps to protect wild places in 51 countries, 16 of them in Africa. The WCS management role

Associated Press at Nouabalé-Ndoki Nation-

al Park in the Republic of Congo is similar to the African Parks model, while it shares management with the Mozambican government in the Niassa National Reserve, whose elephant population has been hit hard by poachers, said Joseph Walston, senior vice president of field conservation programs.

"I would not say that one model is better than the other," Walston said. "It's very context-specific."

African Parks' model is a welcome addition to the "toolbox" as conservation challenges become more urgent, said Bas Huijbregts, African species manager for the WWF conservation group.

The WWF pilots "co-management approaches in some cases," signing a 2015 deal to provide technical leadership in Congo's Salonga, the world's second-largest tropical forest park, Huijbregts said.

African Parks' successes in-

clude big inroads against poaching in Chad's Zakouma National Park and the transport of six critically endangered black rhinos there, returning the species decades after it was wiped out in the country. It also restored lions and rhinos to Rwanda's Akagera National Park and relocated hundreds of elephants within Malawi to reduce pressure on natural resources and build up a depleted park elsewhere.

There have been setbacks, some fatal. Last year a rhino at Akagera killed a conservationist, and three people died when a helicopter chartered by African Parks crashed in Chinko park in Central African Republic.

Congo's Virunga National Park, run by a public-private partnership involvina the Virunga Foundation, a Britain-based charity, has been closed to tourists after a May attack in which a ranger was killed and three people, including two British tourists, were briefly abducted.

African Parks believes the improved training and equipment of rangers in Garamba has helped to reduce illegal activity there. Dozens of new rangers with automatic rifles paraded on June 13, the 80th anniversary of the park's founding.

The park employs almost 500 full-time staffers and provides employment, health and education to thousands of people. Conservationists increasingly recognize that residents in and around wildlife areas are critical to their work. Poor villages can become recruiting grounds for poachers but can be a park's most effective protectors if provided with jobs and development.







Queen Latifah celebrates with hip-hop legends at Essence

By STACEY PLAISANCE **CHEVEL JOHNSON Associated Press**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -Iconic females in the music industry shined at the Essence Festival, where Queen Latifah used her debut performance to celebrate "Ladies First" and her 30 years in the trenches.

Latifah was one of the headliners on the festival's main stage Saturday and was joined — to the delight of the crowd — by hip-hop legends MC Lyte, Yo-Yo, Salt-N-Pepa, Missy Elliott and Monie Love as well as rapper Remy Ma and R&B singer Brandy. She also entertained the audience with her vocal skills, showcasing her love of jazz with a rendition of Phoebe Snow's "Poetry Man," which she dedicated to her mother, who died this year of a heart condition.

In an interview with The Associated Press, British singer-



Queen Latifah performs at the 2018 Essence Festival at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Saturday, July 7, 2018, in New

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songwriter Marsha Ambrosius said she looks forward to performing at the festival every year especially since she gets to experience what she described as a "surreal" lineup.

"The lineup is one long weekend of legends, icons and my heroes. ... It's an honor and a humbling ex-

perience to be able to set foot on stage with people I've looked up to my whole life," said Ambrosius, who's performed more than a half-dozen times at the fes-

During her set inside one of the event's Superlounges — intimate club-like spaces set up in the Superdome's

cavernous halls — Ambrosius gave the audience a taste of her hits "Far Away" and "Late Nights & Early Mornings" as well as songs from her new album, "Nyla," named after her 1-year-old daughter and scheduled for release in September.

"As women, we bury our secrets so deep down, you'd never know what affects us. And, on this album, I decided to not only let them all go, but let them be seen. I'm okay with the scars that I wear.

And, I don't think too many are, and that's why we can dig ourselves a deep hole of depression when we don't have to. My music is my therapy," Ambrosius said of the upcoming proj-

"It's been an incredible journey just getting to know myself and where I am in the world. It's retrospective, introspective, and I'm

dropping gems for those that didn't have them when they should have. Like, I wish I had a me, kicking me in the behind saying, 'Just go for it. Just go for your dreams, standing in your own truth. And, if someone despises you for that, then that's on them. It's not on you."

The festival closes Sunday with a much anticipated performance by megastar Janet Jackson, who touched the lives of four single mothers from New Orleans with a surprise Mother's Day gift that culminates this weekend.

The women are to receive makeovers from Jackson's personal make-up artist, Preston Meneses, and tickets to her performance.

Others scheduled to perform Sunday include Fantasia and a New Jack Swing reunion featuring Teddy Riley, SWV, Blackstreet and

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Elvis, Beatles memorabilia items on display at Hard Rock

By WAYNE PARRY Associated Press ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) —

Elvis Presley's Rolls Royce, the suits the Beatles wore on their first tour of America, Bruce Springsteen's sleeveless faded denim jacket and colorful headband, and Michael Jackson's famous glove are among the items of music memorabilia on display at Atlantic City's new Hard Rock casino.

There are outfits worn by Lady Gaga, Cher, Barbra Streisand, Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey, and shoes from Elton John, Buddy Holly and Gene Simmons of Kiss — if dragonscale boots count as shoes. Guitars in all shapes, sizes and colors, including ones played by Tom Petty, Bob Dylan and Slash, are there, too.

Just about the only thing this casino doesn't have is the Rolling Stones' "Tumbling Dice."

When the Hard Rock opened June 28 in what used to be the Trump Taj Mahal, the casino opened in 1990 by Donald Trump, it brought with it a large



This July 5, 2018 photo shows suits worn by the Beatles during an early tour of America in front of the Rolls Royce automobile owned by Elvis Presley, at the Hard Rock casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

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display of items from what it calls the world's largest collection of music memorabilia.

"The memorabilia displayed at each Hard Rock International property holds a special connection to its specific destination and allows visitors a glimpse into the music and the pop culture surrounding it," said Matt Harkness, president of the Atlantic City casino. "The collection of rare memorabilia items that are displayed throughout Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City is tied to musicians from New Jersey,

along with those who have a history of performing in our area."

At the front entrance is the cream-colored Rolls that Elvis used to pick up the Beatles from the airport in Los Angeles, surrounded by mannequins wearing the similarly hued collarless suits

in which the Beatles used to perform in the early days. Alongside is a vintage Springsteen stage outfit (headband included). A glass display case includes autographs from all four Beatles, from Jimi Hendrix and his bandmates, sunglasses and bowties worn by Roy Orbison, and a piece of junk mail delivered to Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain (with his last name spelled wrong) advising

him he might already be a winner in a publishing

sweepstakes.

Then there's The Glove, the iconic sparkly hand covering Michael Jackson made famous in his videos and concerts. It was donated to Hard Rock in London by Jackson himself, said Giovanni Taliaferro, Hard Rock's director of memorabilia. The company obtains its music memorabilia in a variety of ways, including direct donations by artists or purchases at auctions. Sometimes Hard Rock will make a donation to an artist's charity in return for a piece of memorabilia, he



Bracing country rock from Jonathan McEuen

By STEVEN WINE Associated Press

Jonathan McEuen, "Through the Sun Gate" (Rose Lane)

Front and center for a change, Jonathan McEuen immediately plays to his strength on "Through the Sun Gate." "Sunshine ... sun shining in my eyes," he sings to kick things off, and his sunny tenor gives the album its distinctive stamp.

McEuen made a terrific record with cousin Jamie Hanna in 2005 (each is the son of a Nitty Gritty Dirt Band founding member), and has enjoyed a successful career in supporting roles.

McEuen co-wrote two of the 11 tunes but mostly chooses covers, and the variety of the material gives the coastal country genre



This cover image released by Rose Lane shows "Through the Sun Gate," a release by Jonathan McEuen.

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a fresh twist. "Fools Gold" "Last Call" has roots in Western swing, and "Nazareth, PA" gets dubs harmabluesy, while the closing the best bluest bluesy.

"Last Call" is hat-act honky-tonk. And McEuen overdubs harmonies as tight as the best bluegrass.



Franciscan museum in Jerusalem shows life in Jesus' time

By ILAN BEN ZION **Associated Press**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Jerusalem's Franciscan friars have opened a new museum filled with artifacts related to daily life in Jesus' time.

The Terra Sancta Museum's new wing, built into the ruined remains of Crusader and Mamluk buildings along the Via Dolorosa in the Old City, showcases objects discovered in excavations at biblical sites over the past century.

The Custody of the Holy Land — the Franciscan Order's organ in Israel, the Palestinian territories, Jordan, Lebanon and Cyprus has carried out several archaeological excavations around the region, focusing on sites with connections to the Bible.

Many of the items going on display in the new exhibit, titled "The House of Herod: Life and Power in the Age of the New Testament," have never been shown to the public.

Coins, ceramic fragments, ossuaries and stone slabs bear inscriptions in Hebrew,



In this Wednesday, June 27, 2018 photo, visitors look at exhibits, entitled "The House of Herod" at the Terra Sancta Museum in Jerusalem.

Father Eugenio Alliata, the

museum director, said it

was important to "present

something of the real life of

people at the time," given

that the teachings of Jesus

"are so much intersected

with the common life of the

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the exhibit are one of two known silver half-shekel coins minted by Jewish rebels in the first year of the revolt against Rome in A.D. 66. A potsherd with the word Herod, the notorious king from the Gospels, was found during excavations Among the highlights of at the Judean monarch's monumental tomb south of Jerusalem. Shimon Gibson, a University of North Carolina archaeologist excavating Roman-era Jerusalem, said the Franciscans' contribution to the field of archaeology in the Holy Land was "pivotal," and that their collections were "a treasure trove of information."

"The treasures they've accumulated over time relating to their work, their mark on the study of the Holy Land, is reflected in the displays there," he said.

Mundane objects weights and scales, fishhooks, playing dice, lamps and cookware — bring the verses of the New Testament to life. A small silver coin bearing the face of Augustus is the same kind that prompts Jesus to say "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's" in Matthew 22. Like contemporary rabbis, Alliata said, Jesus "was teaching daily life, how to manage in the daily life," and spoke in terms familiar to the common folk.

Factions in Miss America split over leadership, direction

people."

Associated Press ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) —

Former Miss America winners and state pageant officials are split over the leadership and direction of the organization, which was rocked by a 2017 email scandal that led to the resignations of its top leaders. Representatives from 22 state pageants signed a petition calling for the resignations of the new Miss America board, including Chairwoman Gretchen Carlson and President and CEO Regina Hopper, The Press of Atlantic City reported Saturday.

But in a letter to the newspaper, 30 former Miss Americas said they "fully support" Carlson, Miss America 1989, and the board members "who are and have been working tirelessly to move our program forward."

The Miss America organization is regrouping af-



In this April 25, 2017 file photo, Gretchen Carlson attends the TIME 100 Gala, celebrating the 100 most influential people in the world in New York.

ter a December scandal in which emails surfaced showing that CEO Sam Haskell and others mocked winners' intelligence, looks and sex lives.

Greek, Latin and Samari-

tan, illustrating the kaleido-

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present in the Holy Land

during the first centuries.

The artifacts include every-

thing from elegant Corin-

thian columns from Herod's

palace to humble wares

from Galilean homes.

Haskell resigned Dec. 23, followed by board members.

The shake-up at the organization has resulted in the top three positions being held by women, and the new leaders have begun making changes. The swimsuit competition has

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been dropped and in the evening-wear portion contestants will be allowed to wear something other than a gown if they want. The talent portion of the contest will remain.

The petition from the state pageant officials expressed a vote of "no confidence" in the Miss America Organization's board of trustees. It cited a lack of transparency and adherence to best practices, The Press said.

"As dedicated members of our state and local communities who lend our reputations, financial support and voluntary efforts to facilitate MAO's long and powerful mission of empowering women to stand up and speak out, we find ourselves needing to use our own voices of leadership to express our profound disappointment regarding what, in our view, is the failed leadership of the

entire MAO Board of Trustees," the petition said.

The former Miss Americas said in their letter Saturday that "We hope the voices of our majority can and will be heard."

Hopper told The Press on Friday that "there are always those who disagree with or find it hard to accept change." She said the organization welcomes "those who want to move forward and be a part of a revitalized program dedicated to providing scholarships and opportunities to all young women."

Suzette Charles, Miss America 1984, said "things have begun to unravel" in the organization.

"There's been a lot of dismay with (Carlson's) leadership," she said. "We thought she would regard this program with reverence and keep this tradition alive."



Life of Abe Lincoln's son on display at Hildene in Vermont

By DAVID JORDAN **Associated Press** MANCHESTER, Vt. (AP) —

The "Land of Lincoln" is the state slogan for Illinois, but there's a Lincoln family outpost in the lush mountains of southern Vermont. Abraham Lincoln, who started his political career in Illinois, never made it to Vermont, but his son Robert Todd Lincoln built his stately summer home Hildene in the Green and Taconic mountains of Manchester.

Robert Todd Lincoln was already a wealthy man by the time construction was completed on the 24-room Georgian Revival home in 1905. He had served as the Secretary of War and ambassador to Great Britain and at the time was president of the Pullman Palace Car Company, one of the largest companies in the nation.

He first visited Manchester when his mother was a guest of Equinox House, a 19th century hotel still in business today that catered to the wealthy escaping summer heat on the coasts. Years later he visited the town with Edward Swift Isham, his law partner and a native of Vermont. After falling in love with the area, Lincoln purchased over 400 acres of land in 1902.

The name Hildene, an old English word he picked up during his time in London, described the land itself: "a hill with a valley and a stream." The home was built on a high point in the

ten Kill vallev.

The home is kept in a style Lincoln would have recog-

land overlooking the Bat- on their function. The bed- tion has worked to provide rooms housed a number of a more complete view of noteworthy guests, including William Howard Taft, a

Lincoln family life.

"We have to keep every-



In this June 1, 2018 photo, Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln, is visible from the garden of the estate in Manchester, Vt.

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nized. The 1,000-pipe Aeolian organ he built for his wife is one of the first things to greet visitors as its music booms through the halls. Despite the grandeur of the location and size of the home, the decor is almost modest for the setting, reflecting the fact that this

family. He originally fashioned himself as a gentleman farmer and the kitchen is stocked with curious gadgets that, while current in his time, give the tour guides an

opportunity to quiz visitors

was mainly a home for the

U.S. president and Supreme Court justice.

Outside the home are equally impressive landscapes. The formal garden just off the back end of the house is framed by the two mountain ranges and views of the valley below.

A tram ride takes visitors between the sites. The more adventurous can hike across the property, which includes wetlands along a stretch of the Batten Kill, a small river known worldwide for its elusive trout.

Visitors are encouraged to make use of Vermont's seasons. In winter, they can snowshoe or cross-country ski between the sites.

Robert Todd Lincoln died at the home in 1926. The Lincoln family held onto Hildene for three generations until Peggy Lincoln Beckwith's death in 1975. Beckwith did not have any children and the property was initially donated to the Church of Christ, Scientist. When the home fell into disrepair, a group of Manchester locals formed a nonprofit to purchase the home and turn it into a museum.

Now in its 40th year, the Friends of Hildene organizathing fresh. The reality of a standalone house museum is that if you've been there, you've been there," president Seth Bongartz said.

The staff at Hildene has interpreted Lincoln's forward thinking as an invitation to update the property for new guests. The property includes two functioning, modern farms, with dairies where aoats and cows produce chevre and tomme the property.

In 2011 Hildene added a restored 1903 Pullman car. One of the few wooden frame models remaining, the rehabilitation process took four years after the staff located it in South Carolina.

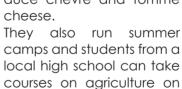
That site is on the Vermont African American Heritage Trail, and the staff acknowledges the complicated history of the company. The porters, initially freed slaves and their descendants, were often paid meager wages but over time their tips and exposure to the nation's most influential men helped form a black middle class.

Robert Todd Lincoln was the only one of his siblings to survive into adulthood and carry on the family name. Despite the fact that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated four decades before the completion of the property, the home does acknowledge the most well-known member of the family.

Outside the main entrance to the home is an outline of the Kentucky cabin where Abraham Lincoln was born. About the same size as the portico, it illustrates how far the family came in a generation.

The home also features a rotating exhibit on the Lincolns, currently focused on Lincoln's second inaugural address.

And of course they prominently feature one of the president's stovepipe hats.





This June 1, 2018 photo shows a Pullman Palace Car on display at Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln, in Manchester, Vt.

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